

Appl. No. : 09/904,960
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The Applicant submits that, by this amendment, only allowed Claims 2-11 and 15-19 remain pending in the application. As such, the application is now in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicant requests the Examiner to advance the application to allowance and prompt issuance.

CONCLUSION

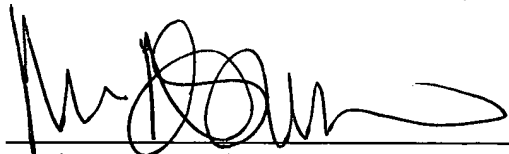
Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the final Office Action. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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